

**CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

***Project Review Committee***

***Wednesday, July 14, 2004***

***Stephen P. Clark Center***

***111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street***

***10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room***

***3:00 p.m.***

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LtCol Antonio Colmenares  
Franklin Kelly  
Marc Buoniconti

Hon. James Reeder  
Miles Moss

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joanna Santiago, OCITT  
David Tinder, PWD  
Clinton Forbes, MDT  
Zenaida Hernandez, OCITT  
Pepe Valdes, OCITT  
Jack Furney, OCITT  
Naomi Wright, CTAC  
Ivis Barba, MDT  
Jennifer Wilkins, MDT  
Andrew Burgess, CTAC  
Marian Kelly, CTAC  
Dave Barlett, Citizen

Betty Alexander, DBD  
George Navarrete, MDT  
Sandra Melean, PWD  
Bruce Libhaber, CAO  
Virginia Diaz, OCITT  
John Prats, OCITT  
Lawrence Percival, KFHA  
Judy Seidner, CMO  
Joe Lepp, Citizen  
Richard Garcia, MDAD  
Larry Lebowitz, Miami Herald

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum present, LtCol Colmenares called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At the request of LtCol Colmenares, action Items 6F and 6G were taken out of order and moved up on the agenda. Mr. Buoniconti moved for the approval of the revised agenda; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Buoniconti moved for approval of the June 9, 2004, minutes; seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

LtCol Colmenares informed the Committee of Mr. Lorenzo's resignation from the CITT due to his new appointment as Fire Chief and wished him well in his new position.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Percival, President of the Kendall Federation of Homeowners Associations, voiced his concerns about the West Kendall project (Widening of 157<sup>th</sup> Ave into 4 lanes, from 136<sup>th</sup> St. to 120<sup>th</sup> St.) and whether proper funding would be available to complete the project given that a portion of the project will be left to a private developer to finish. Mr. Percival urged CITT approval should the PWD request amending the PTP to allow the

use of surtax funds for the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the total project. Mr. Percival also acknowledged CITT member Miles Moss and David Tinder, Public Works Department (PWD), People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Coordinator, for their involvement and support on this issue.

Dave Barlett, Citizen, requested clarification on the property appraisals contract information he obtained from the meeting minutes posted on the website. His concerns were centered on the contract amount and overpaying for environmental assessments. He also questioned whether the County is required to have both environmental assessments completed. Mr. Buoniconti informed Mr. Barlett that the contract is only an authorization for a ceiling amount and not the cost to assess each parcel. Furthermore, given that federal funds are involved, Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments are required under federal regulations. Mr. Barlett also inquired about the status of the Earlington Heights Metrorail Project.

Mr. Barlett also questioned if the Wackenhut contract for security services in the amount of \$89.5 million is part of the PTP, and what portion of the \$89.5 million would be coming out of PTP funds. Mr. Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, responded that a portion of the cost of increased security services are a direct result of increased transit service hours, bus routes, and increased use of Metrorail which are all part of the PTP. The portion of the \$89.5 million that will be paid with surtax funds will be based on incremental increase in security needs directly relating to PTP improvements.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**MIA People Mover** – Richard Garcia, Project Manager for the Miami International Airport (MIA) People Mover project, provided a power-point presentation of their capital improvement plan. He provided information on the project parameters; the different phases of the project; the system alignment and a schedule for anticipated project completion and service start dates. The complete power-point presentation with information on the MIA People Mover Project can be obtained by going to the Miami Airport website or by calling Mr. Garcia at 305-869-1040.

**North Corridor Project** – Mr. George Navarrete, Acting Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), provided a complete overview and status report on the North Corridor Metrorail project. He added that a consultant is working on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which is scheduled to be completed next month and once completed will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Additionally, a different consultant is working on a New Starts Application which is expected to be submitted to FTA in August 2004. Mr. Navarrete informed that MDT anticipates receiving a "recommended" rating from the FTA, which will put them in a better competitive position with other transit properties that are also applying for the same federal funds. Mr. Navarrete stated that he would provide the Project Review Committee with updates on all current projects on a bimonthly basis. The projected completion date for the North Corridor Metrorail Project is December 2012. Discussion followed over the earlier projected completion date of 2010 and the current projected completion date for the North Corridor project and the cause for the delays.

OCITT staff was directed to contact Mario Garcia from MDT to find out why the North Corridor project is behind schedule and request that they resume holding public meetings, periodically, in order to keep the community informed of ongoing and new PTP projects.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Valdes, Project Review & Compliance Division Director, OCITT, informed the committee members that the substitute items listed below, are for information only. These items, which were previously approved by the Project Review committee on June 9, 2004, were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), but with a minor change in the language in the funding source section of the contract. The ADA Sidewalk contract listed below only had a scrivener's error which was corrected. This contract also had some issues and was pulled from the agenda. This contract will need to go out for re-bid. The remaining contracts are scheduled to go before the full CITT for approval this month.

- PWD – Resurfacing Project No. 20030003
- PWD – Resurfacing Project No. 20030004
- PWD – Annual Pavement Striping Project No. 20030010
- PWD – ADA Sidewalk Project No. 20030013

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PETRO HYDRO, INC., FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED DRAINAGE; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) PROJECT NUMBER 20030009 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP)

Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6A; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- 6B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF AWARDED A CONTRACT TO RAYDAN ELECTRIC, INC., FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED TRAFFIC SIGNALS; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD), PROJECT NUMBER 20030015 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP)

Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6B; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- 6C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) THAT THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLANS (PTP) TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE PROCUREMENT OF TWELVE (12) METROMOVER VEHICLE CARS IN LIEU OF THEIR REHABILITATION

This item was forwarded with a favorable recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee. A lengthy discussion followed over the recommendation to replace twelve Metromover vehicles instead of their rehabilitation. Key issues discussed included the contract amount, the scope of services in the contract with Washington Infrastructure Group; the length of time it took for Washington Infrastructure Group to forward a recommendation; Metromover vehicle life cycle; future vehicle maintenance procedures; and potential and future associated costs to the PTP. Miami-Dade Transit staff was available and provided information and clarification on the issues raised by the committee members concerning this item. Staff noted questions to MDT and their responses were distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6C; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

6D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE GOVERNMENTAL FINANCING COMMISSION (SUNSHINE COMMISSION) IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100 MILLION FOR PAYING OR REIMBURSING THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN TRANSIT ASSETS

This item was forwarded with a favorable recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee. MDT provided a brief explanation of what this loan entailed including the purpose for the loan (to purchase buses); loan interest and payment schedule; and how it provides the necessary cash-flow to show reserves to the federal government.

Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6D; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent

6E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AWARDED CONTRACT NO. 6402-02/04 AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 40-FOOT LOW-FLOOR TRANSIT COACHES WITH NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS AS MANDATED BY THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

MDT provided a brief overview of the contract and its relevance to the PTP. Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6E; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

6F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR CONTRACT TA03-MB2 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVENTY (70), 30-FOOT LOW FLOOR TRANSIT COACHES (MINI TRANSIT BUSES) WITH NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

MDT provided a brief overview of the contract and its relevance to the PTP. This contract was already approved by the BCC. Mr. Buoniconti requested status of their transit operational analysis and was informed by Mr. Clinton Forbes, Assistant to the Director, MDT, that it would be available around September 2004. Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6F; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

6G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN WACKENHUT CORPORATION AND MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT FOR PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES WITH A TOTAL COMPENSATION CEILING NOT TO EXCEED \$89.5 MILLION.

Mr. Valdes informed the committee that Mr. Henry Lee Givens, Chair of the OCITT Compliance & Oversight Committee, has requested that staff obtain the ethnic composition of the board of directors for the Wackenhut Corporation and NABI. MDT staff provided a detailed and lengthy overview of the contract and its scope of service. MDT staff also explained the cost analysis that was done prior to selecting the Wackenhut Corporation. Additionally, they went over the responses to OCITT questions concerning this item. Staff noted copies of the questions and their responses were distributed at the meeting. Mr. Moss raised concerns over the amount of surtax funds that will ultimately be charged to the PTP and asked that MDT include the appropriate language that would specify a set percentage or cap amount on this and future contracts utilizing surtax funds. MDT estimates twenty percent of the total contract amount will be paid by surtax funds. This item was forwarded with a favorable recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee.

Mr. Moss moved for approval of item 6G; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next PRC meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2004. Location and time TBA

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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